

The Great Lakes Avengers



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They used to be Avengers. They weren't very good at it and a bunch of them died. But maybe the world is finally ready for...

The Great Lakes Avengers

After accidentally getting the rights to the Avengers name, the Great Lakes Avengers are back in business...in Detroit! But Flatman, Big Bertha and Doorman will be fighting more than economic freefall and overpriced hipster coffee: a super-villain mob is terrorizing the people of Detroit, including the family of a very furry young lady. Can the world's wackiest Avengers put a stop to these dastardly deeds?

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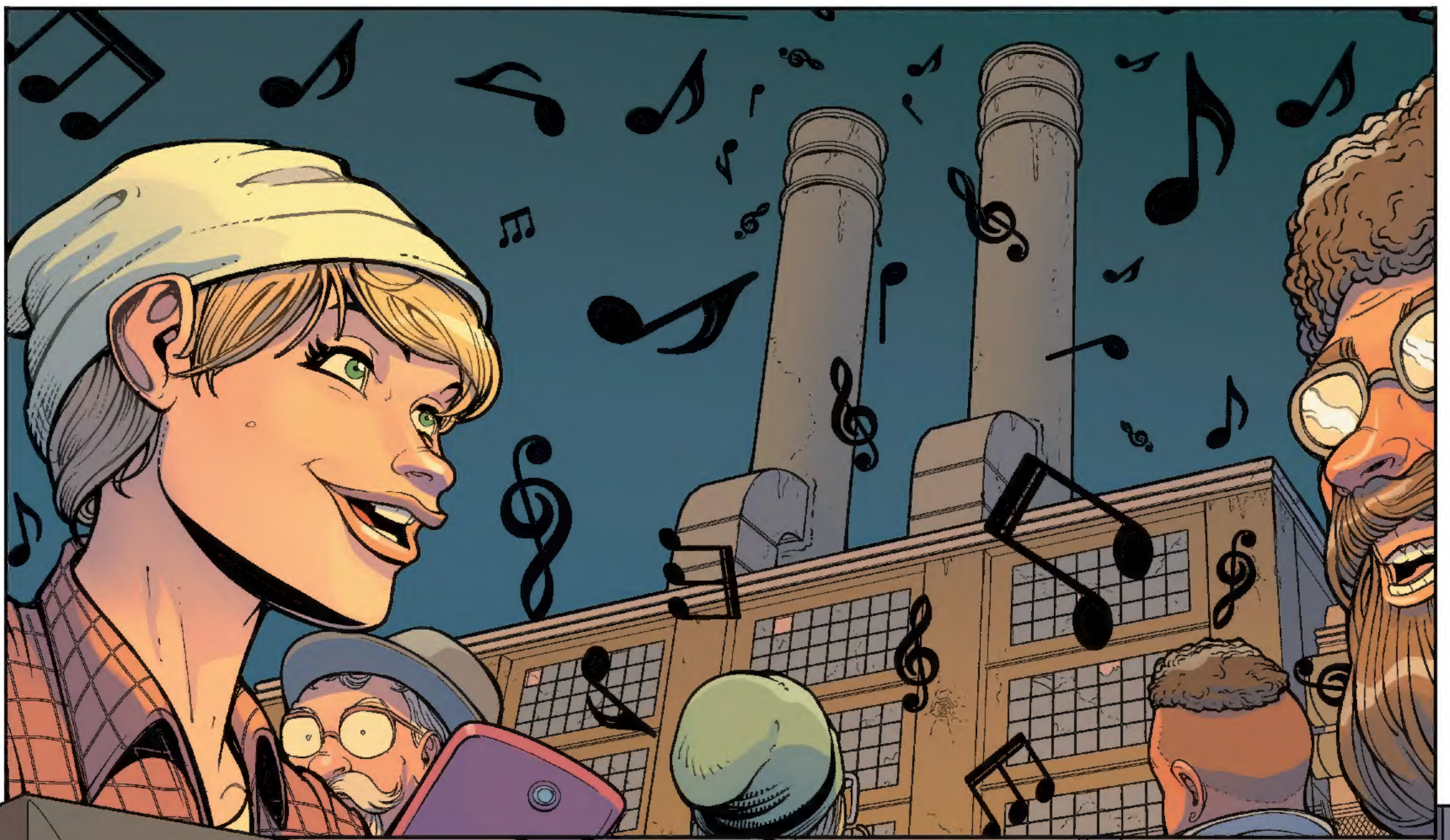
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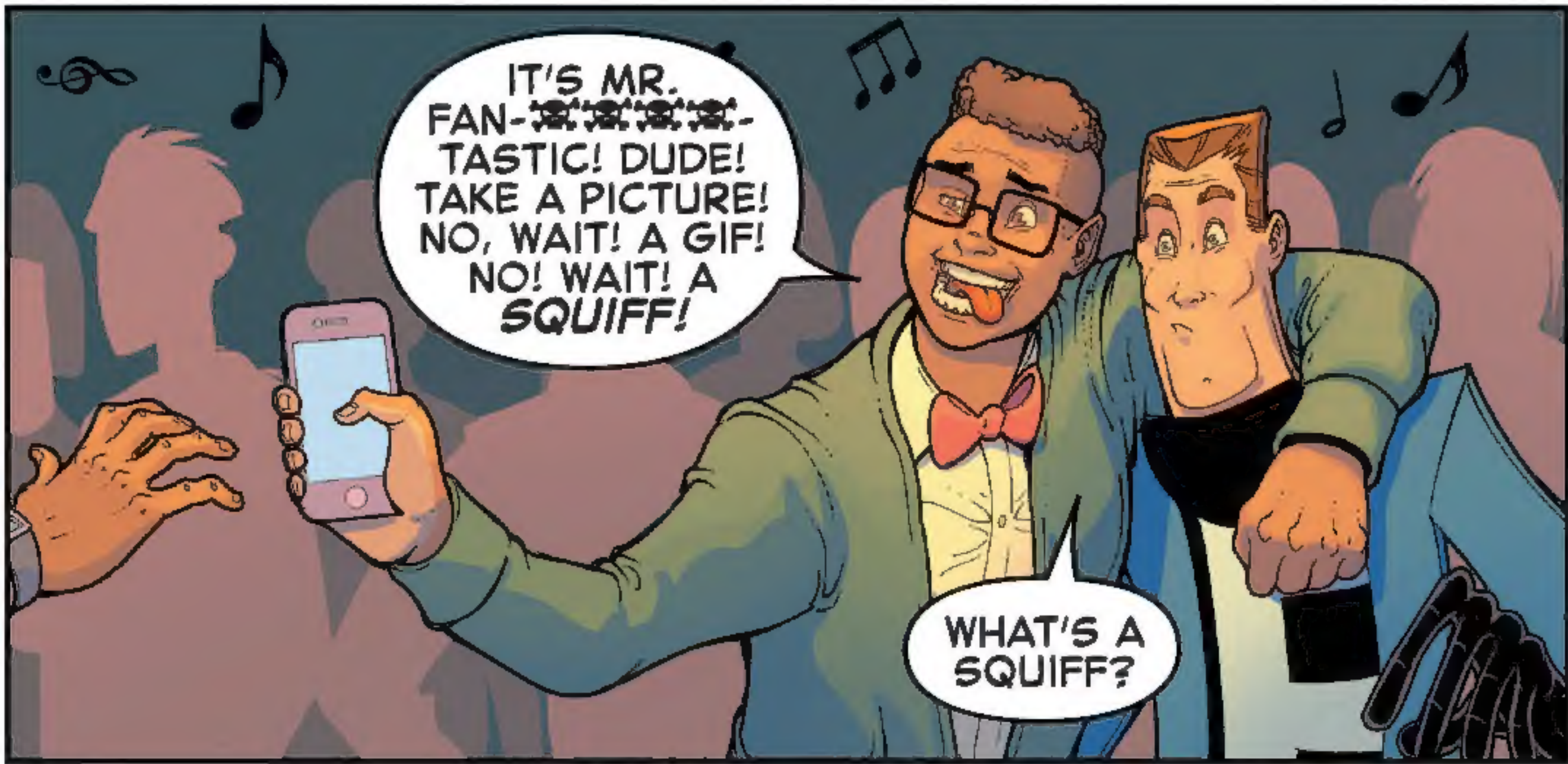
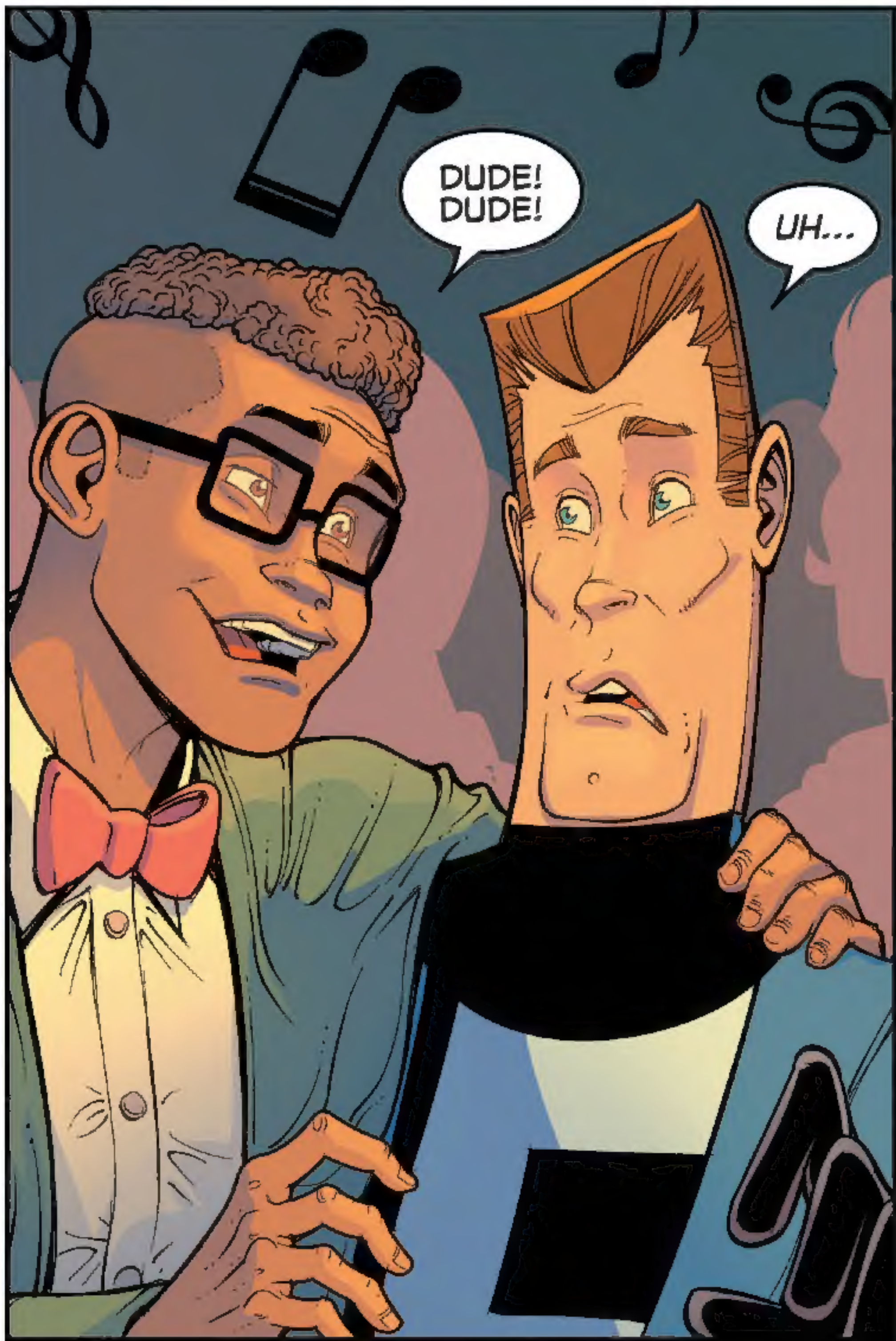
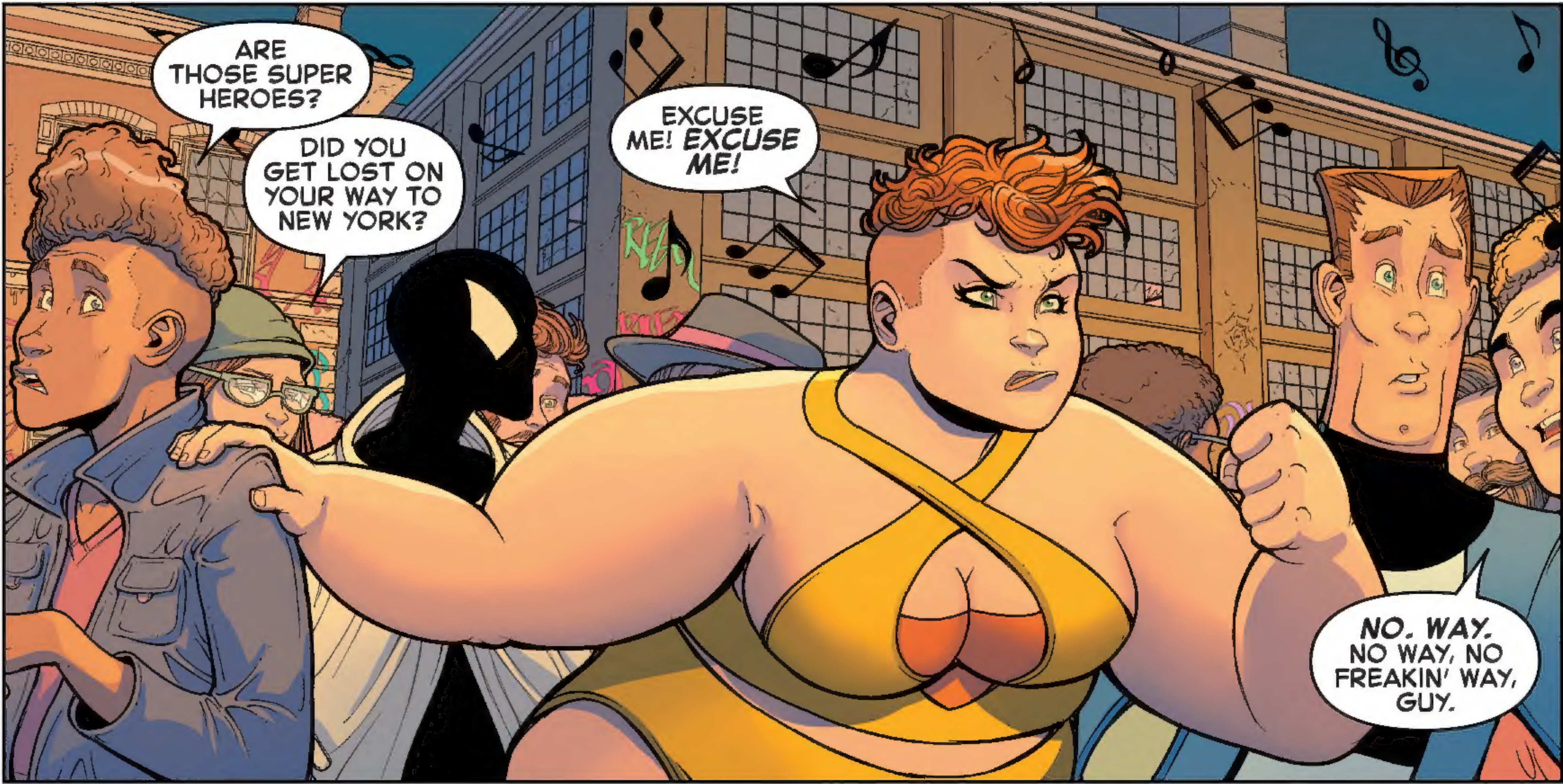
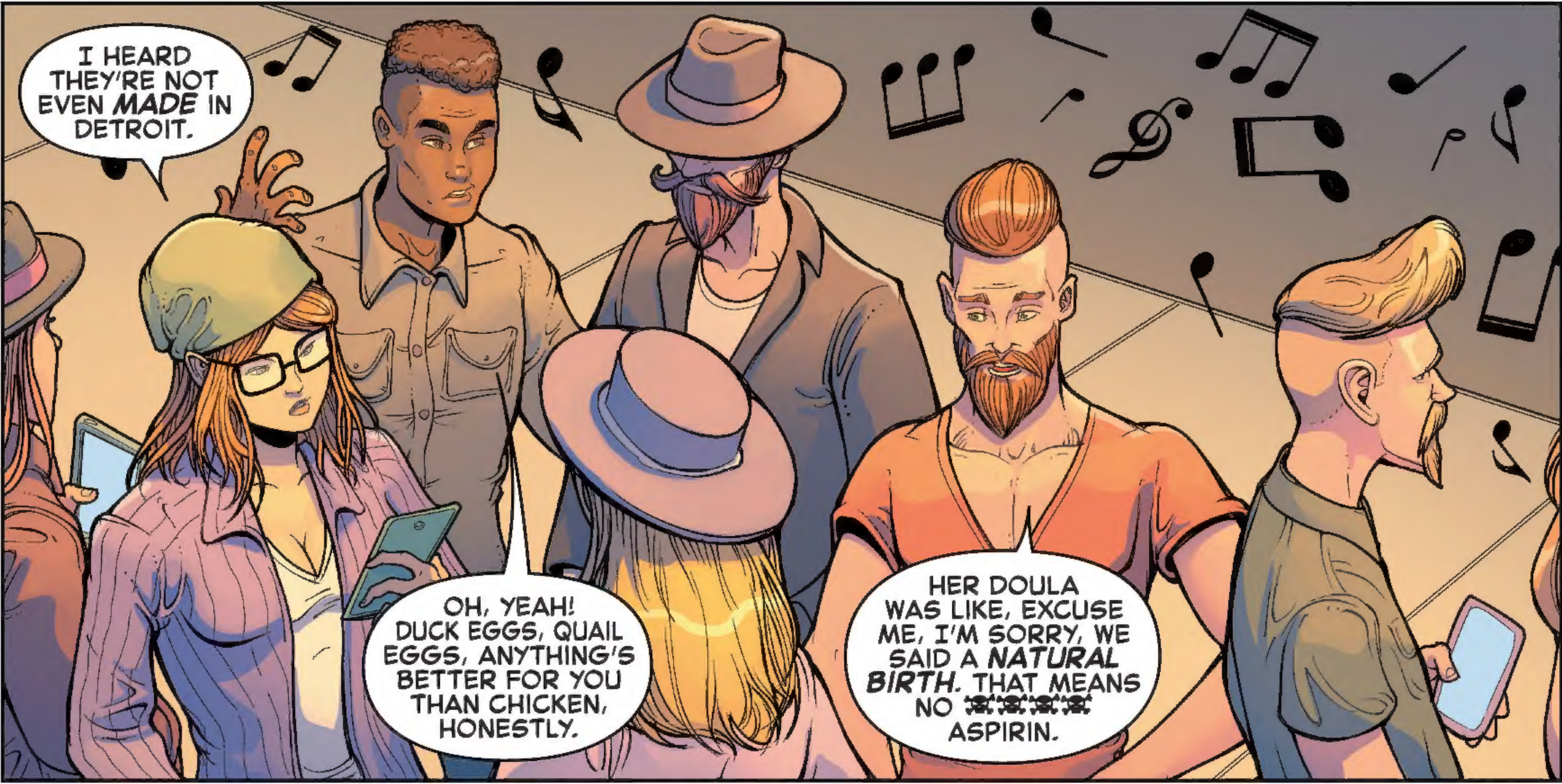
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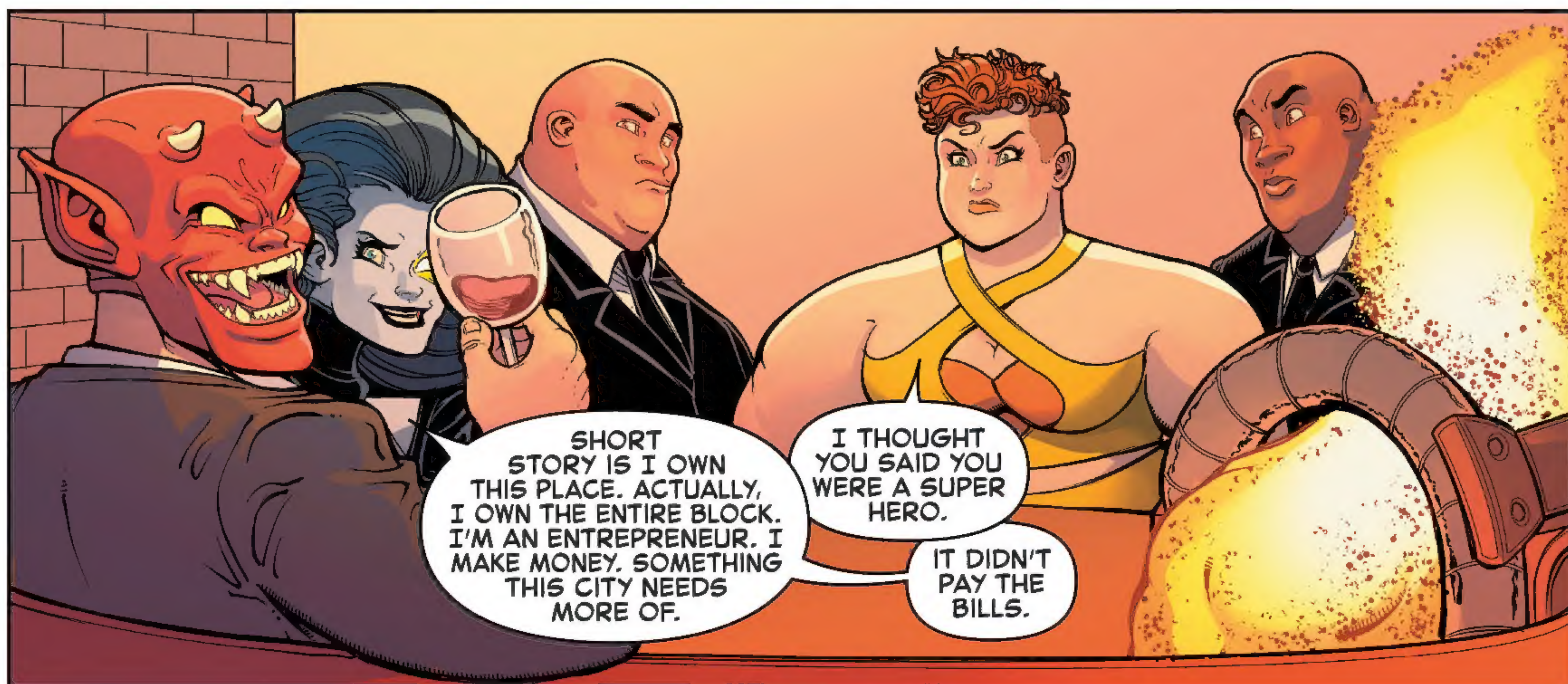
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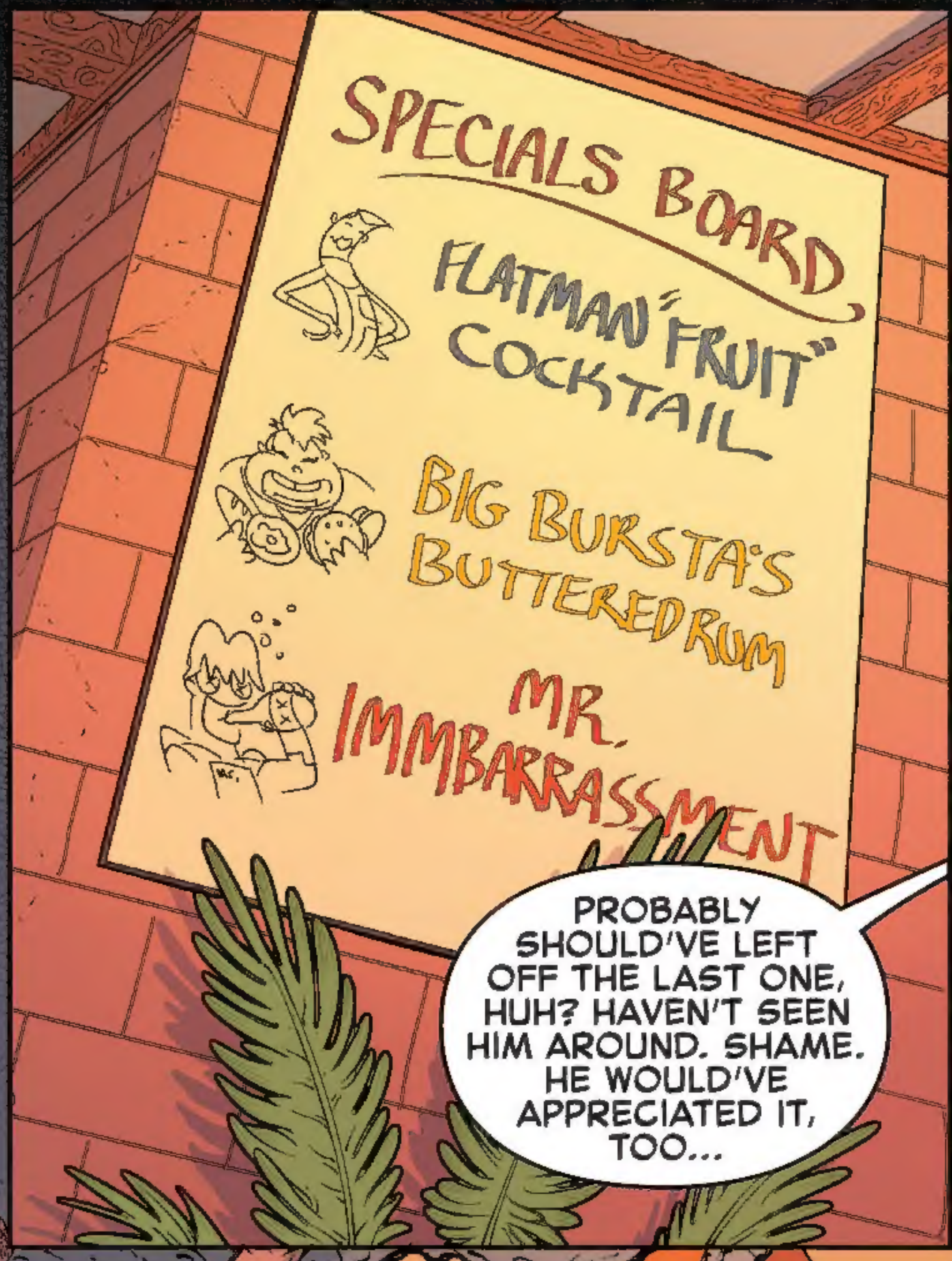




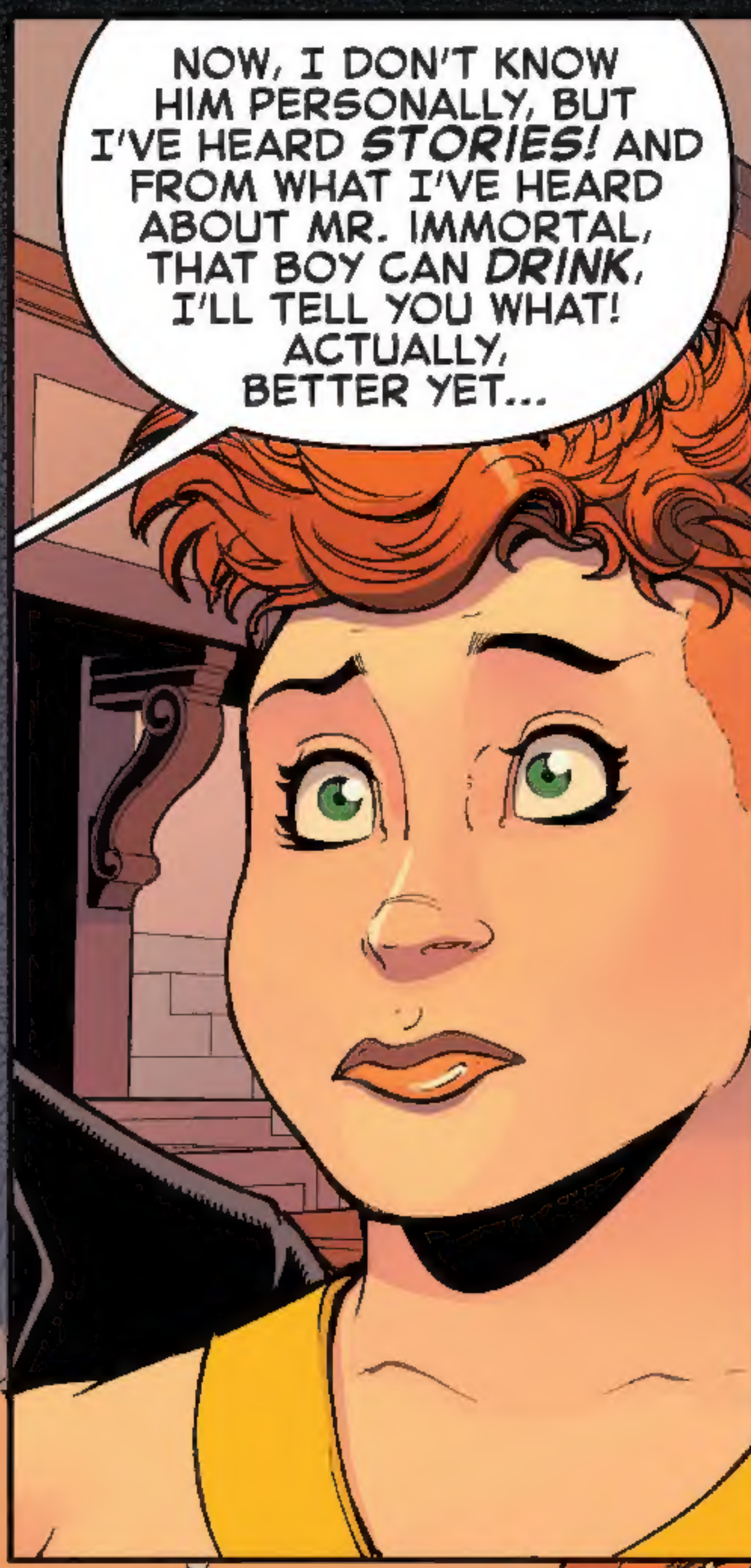


YOU KNOW WHAT? I THINK WE MIGHT BE GETTING OFF ON THE WRONG FOOT. TELL YOU WHAT, HAVE A DRINK. ON ME! ON ME! AFTER ALL, WE'RE GONNA BE NEIGHBORS, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

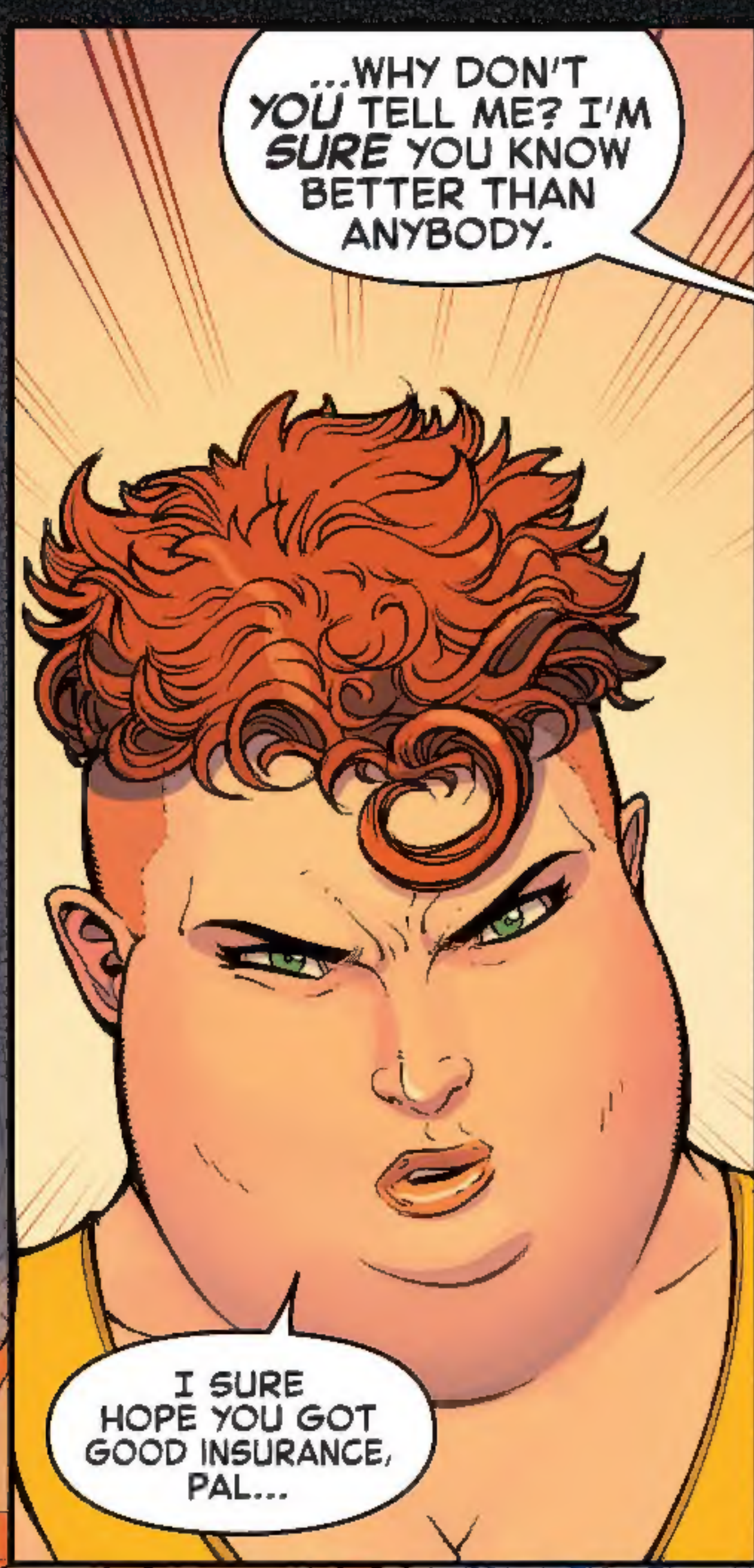
TRY THE SPECIALS.



PROBABLY SHOULD'VE LEFT OFF THE LAST ONE, HUH? HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND. SHAME. HE WOULD'VE APPRECIATED IT, TOO...



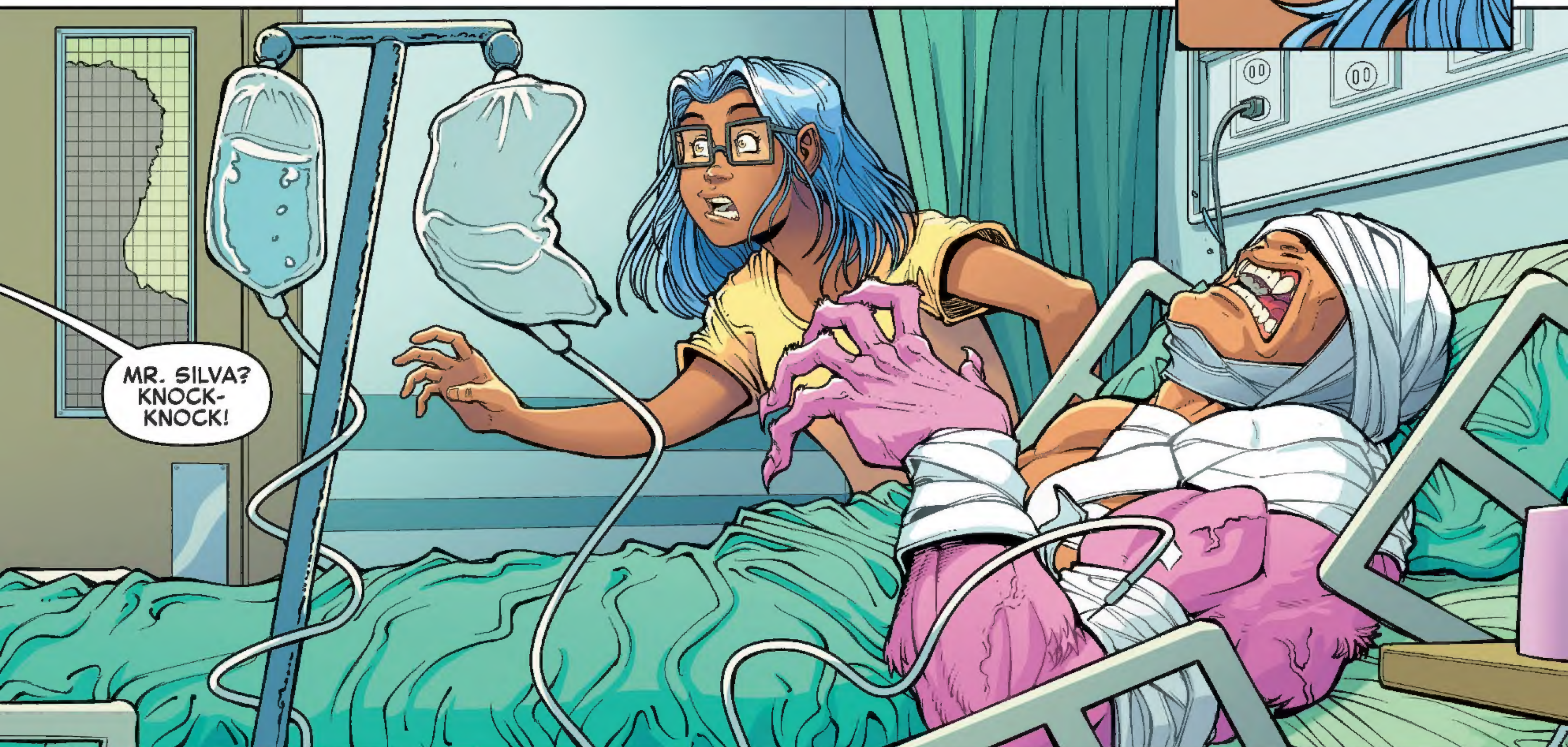
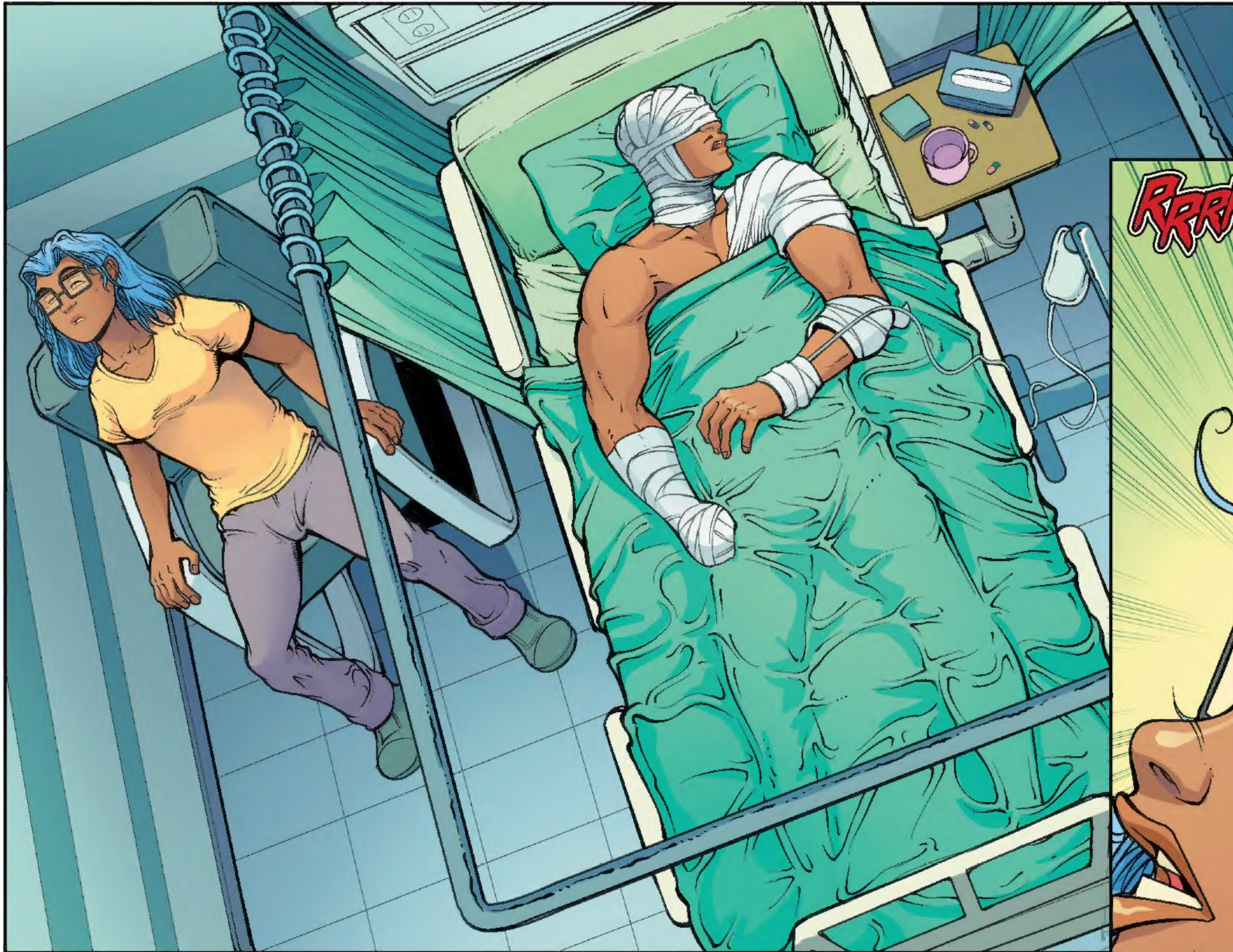
NOW, I DON'T KNOW HIM PERSONALLY, BUT I'VE HEARD **STORIES!** AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT MR. IMMORTAL, THAT BOY CAN **DRINK**, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT! ACTUALLY, BETTER YET...



...WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME? I'M **SURE** YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYBODY.

I SURE HOPE YOU GOT GOOD INSURANCE, PAL...

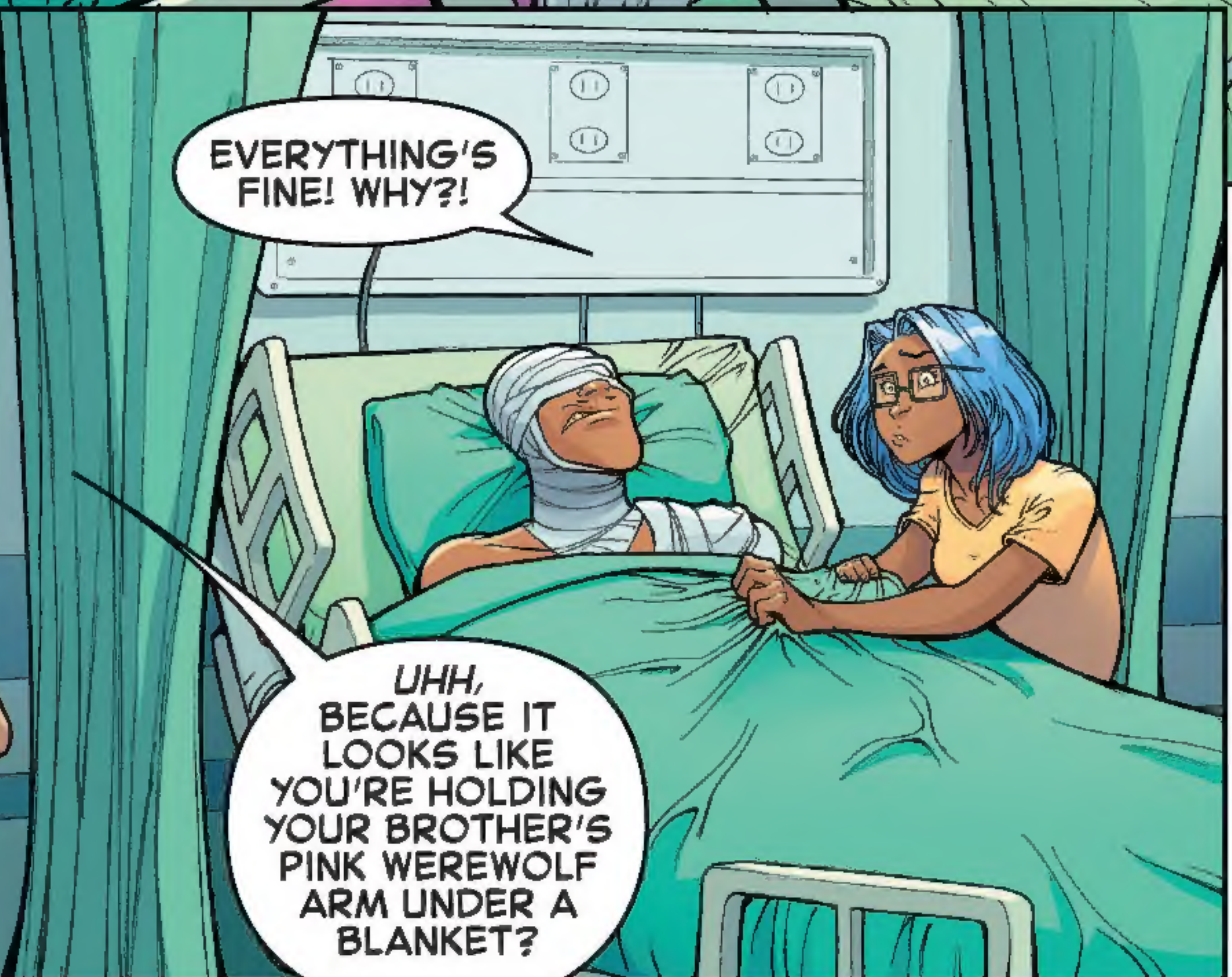
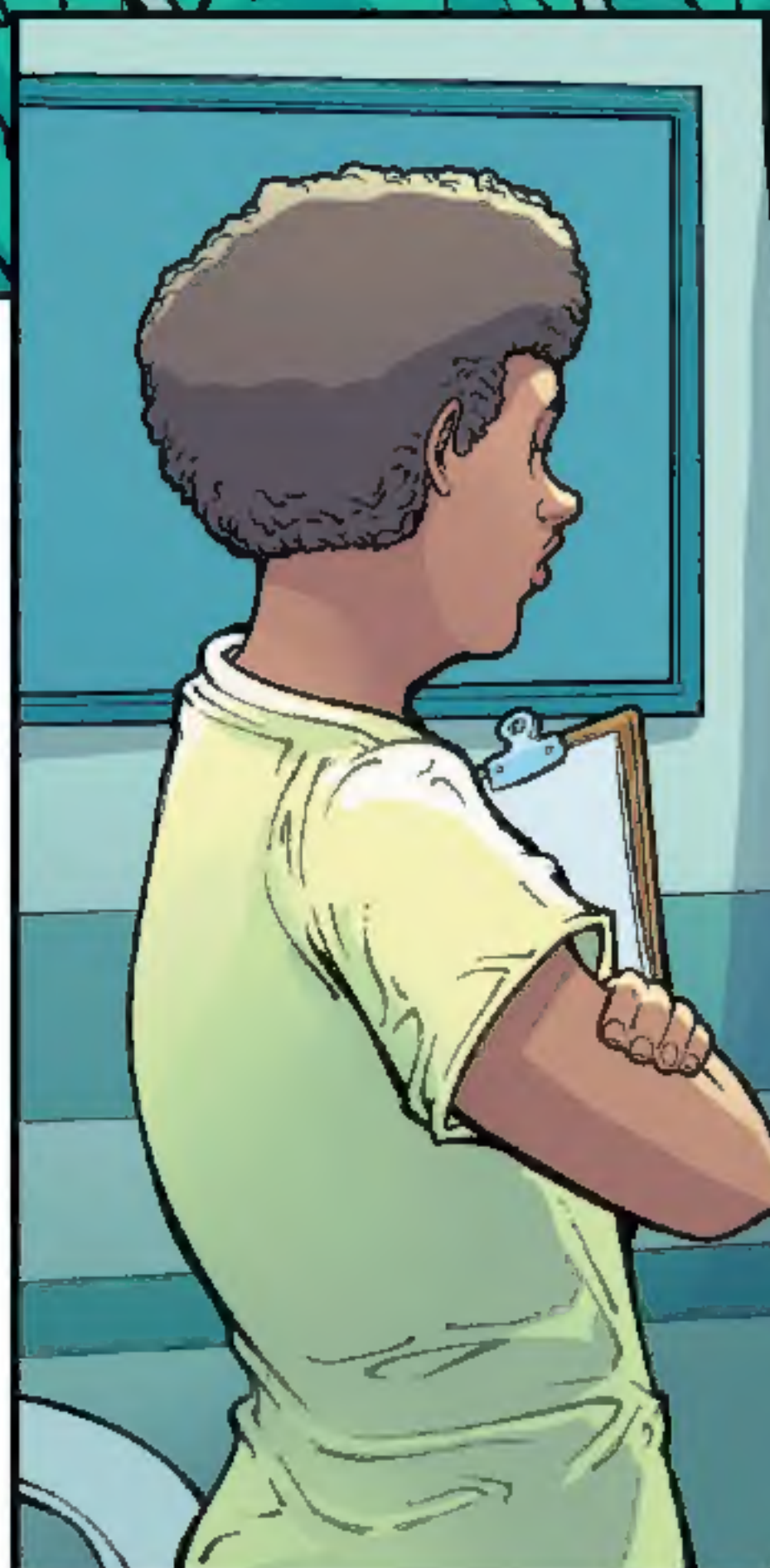




MR. SILVA?
KNOCK-
KNOCK!

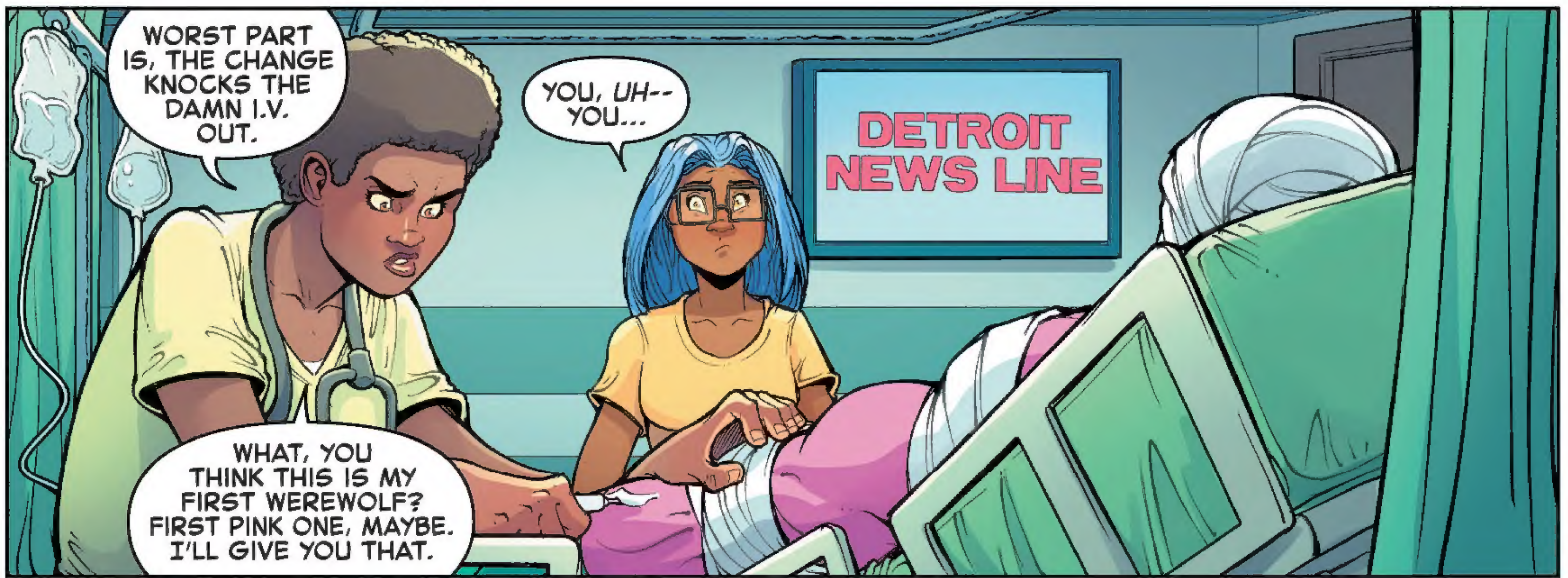


IS EVERYTHING
ALL RIGHT,
GOODNESS?



EVERYTHING'S
FINE! WHY?!

UHH,
BECAUSE IT
LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE HOLDING
YOUR BROTHER'S
PINK WEREWOLF
ARM UNDER A
BLANKET?

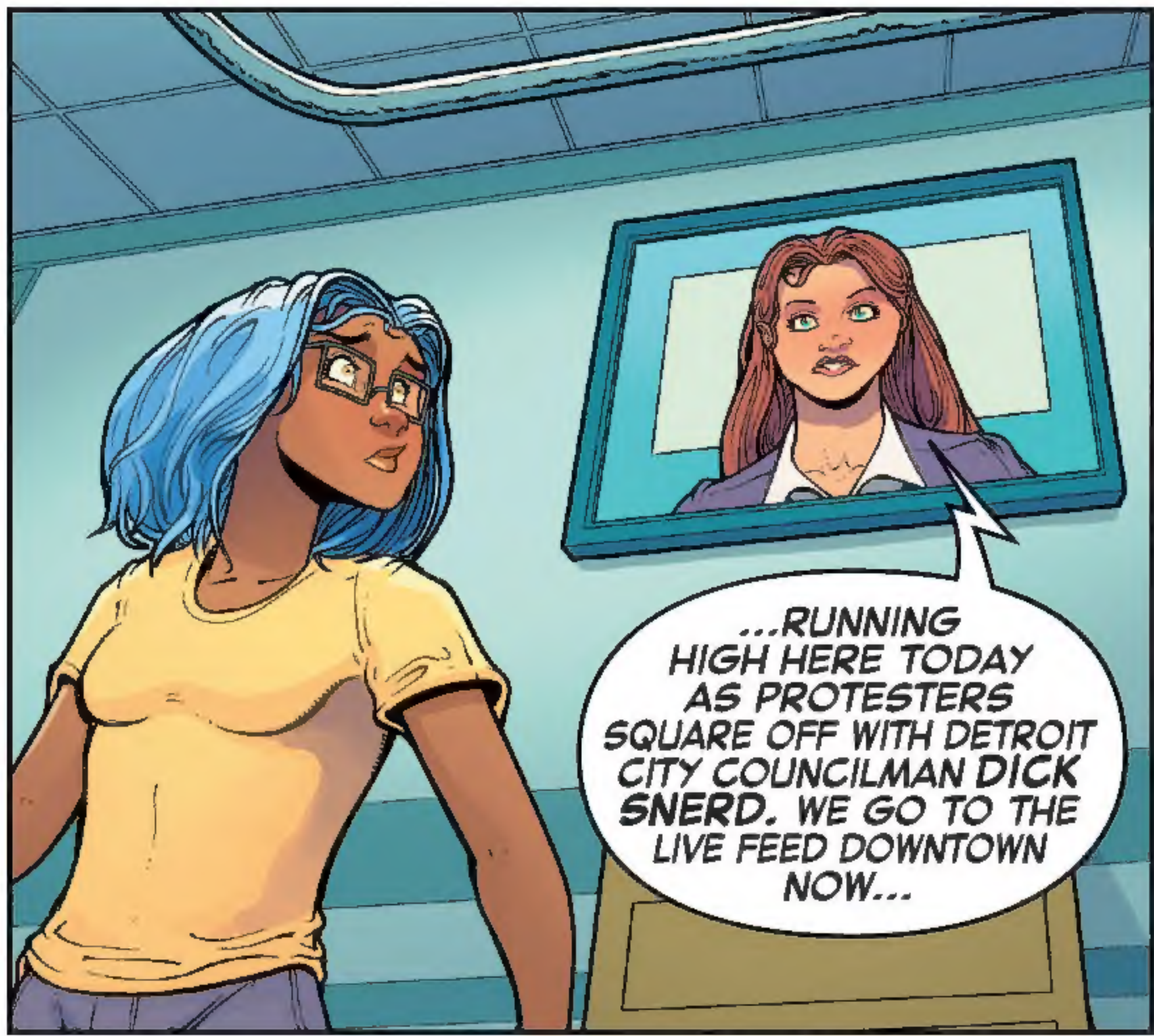


WORST PART IS, THE CHANGE KNOCKS THE DAMN I.V. OUT.

YOU, UH-- YOU...

WHAT, YOU THINK THIS IS MY FIRST WEREWOLF? FIRST PINK ONE, MAYBE. I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

DETROIT NEWS LINE



...RUNNING HIGH HERE TODAY AS PROTESTERS SQUARE OFF WITH DETROIT CITY COUNCILMAN DICK SNERD. WE GO TO THE LIVE FEED DOWNTOWN NOW...



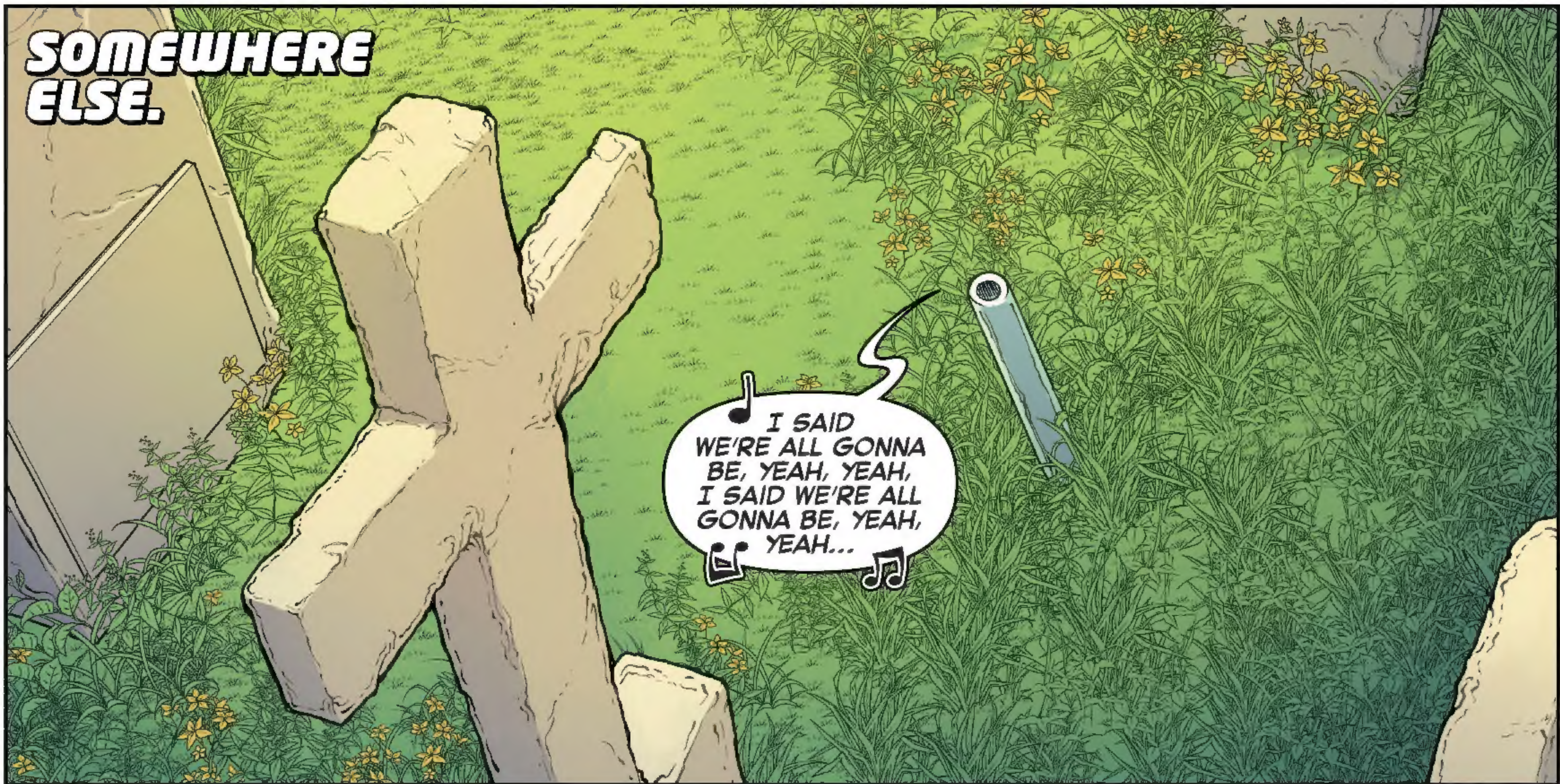
I HEAR ALL THIS TALK ABOUT A SUPER-VILLAIN PROBLEM! WHAT SUPER-VILLAIN PROBLEM? TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE BEING HIT! THEY'RE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT BREED CRIME AND HARBOR CRIMINALS!

MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, WE SHOULD STOP TREATING THE PEOPLE WHO DESTROY THESE NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE "VILLAINS" AND START TREATING THEM LIKE "HEROES"!



HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DOWNTOWN.



I SAID
WE'RE ALL GONNA
BE, YEAH, YEAH,
I SAID WE'RE ALL
GONNA BE, YEAH,
YEAH...



I SAID
WE'RE ALL GONNA
BE JUST DIRT IN
THE GROUND...

MY!
WHAT A
LOVELY SINGING
VOICE YOU
HAVE!



MIKE? IS
THAT YOU? I
THINK I'M READY
TO COME OUT
NOW.

SORRY,
PAL. NOT
HAPPENIN'.



C'MON,
MAN! SEE
REASON!

NOPE.
NOW OPEN
UP.



GAAH!
WHAT THE
HELL?!



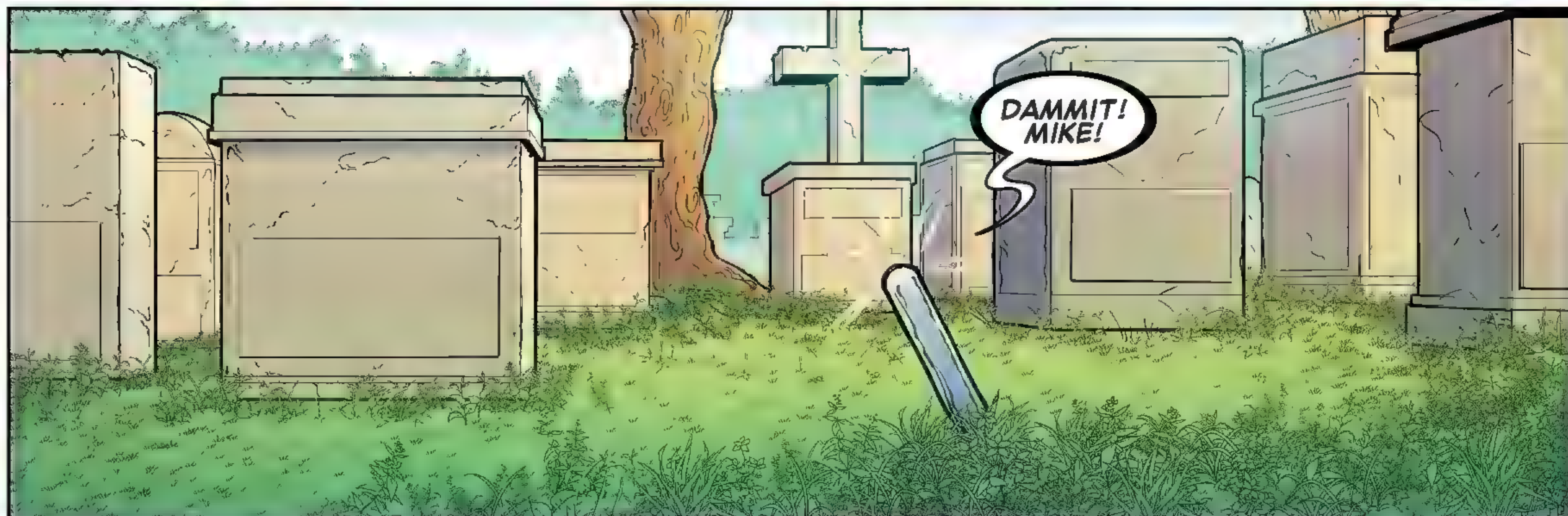
I SAID,
"OPEN
UP!"



DAMMIT!
YOU ~~SKULLS~~!
ARE YOU TRYIN'
TO DROWN
ME?

ACTUALLY,
THAT'S NOT
SUCH A BAD IDEA.
MIX THINGS UP
A LITTLE.

POUR SOME
MORE WATER DOWN
THE TUBE, I'M GONNA
TRY TO GET IT UP MY
NOSE! MIKE?
MIKE?



DAMMIT!
MIKE!



~~SKULLS~~
WELL, I'M
DEFINITELY
NOT **STARVING**
TO DEATH
AGAIN.



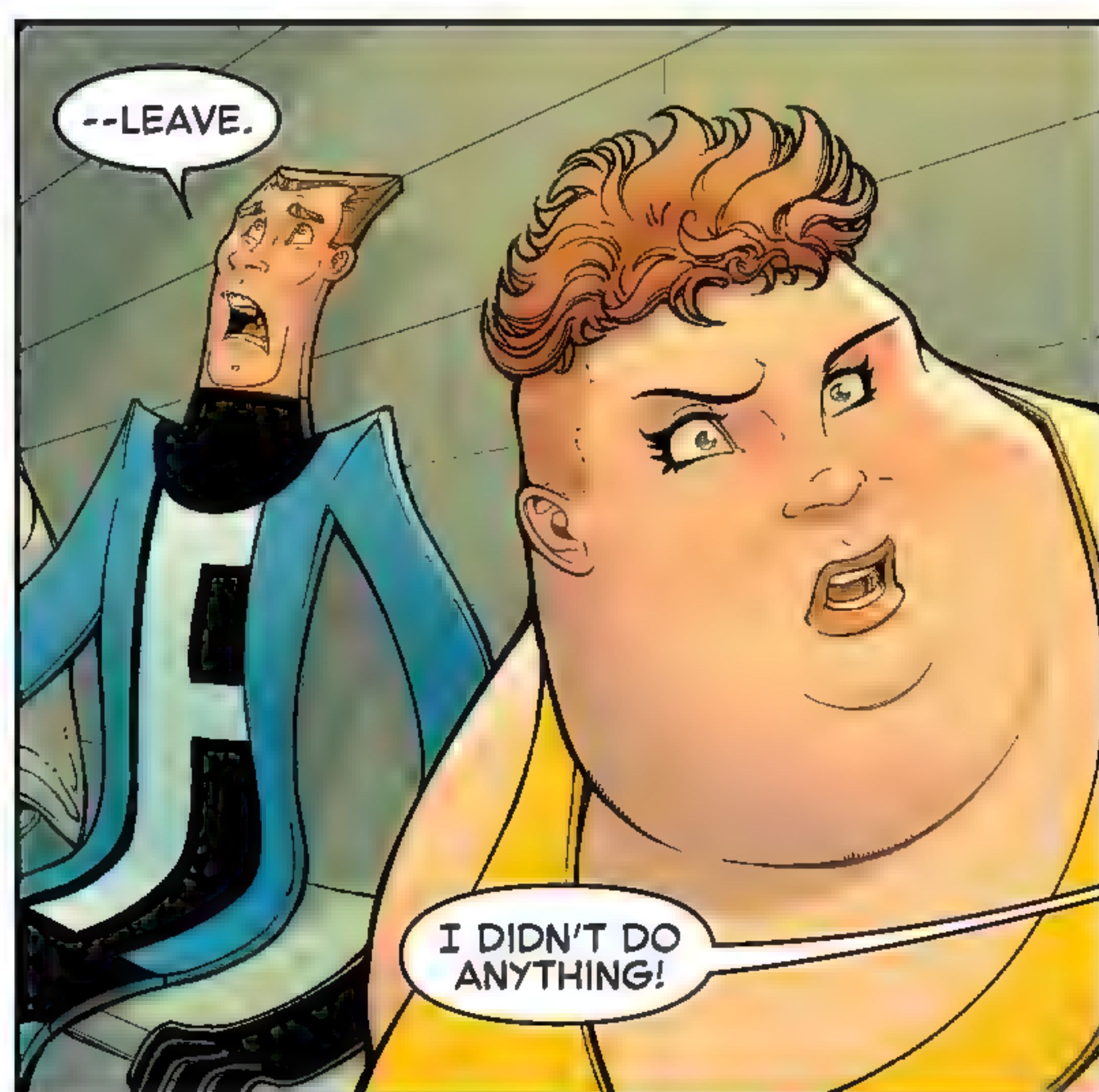
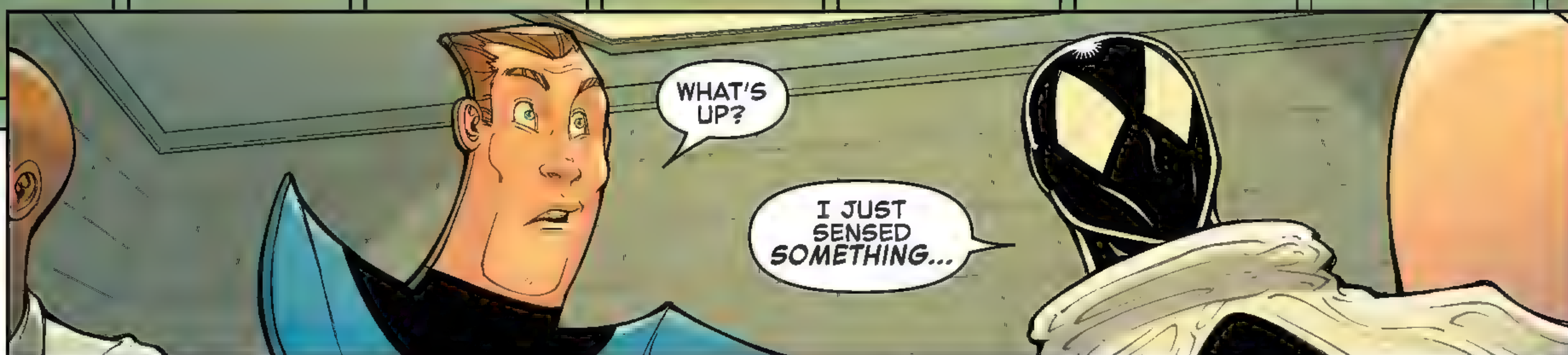
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S JUST
YOU AND ME
TONIGHT,
CORKY.



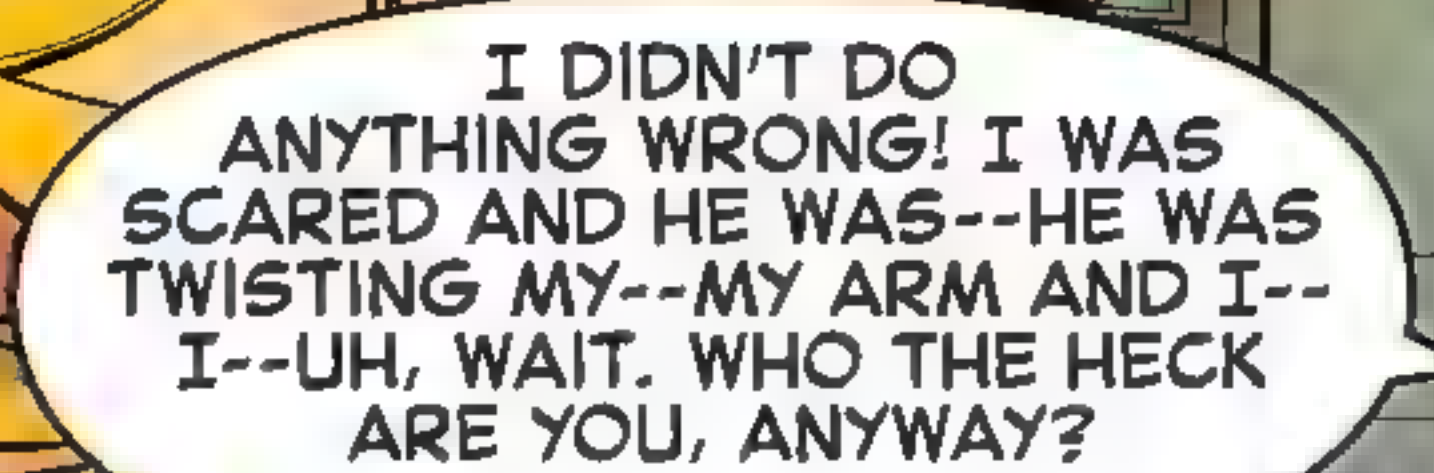
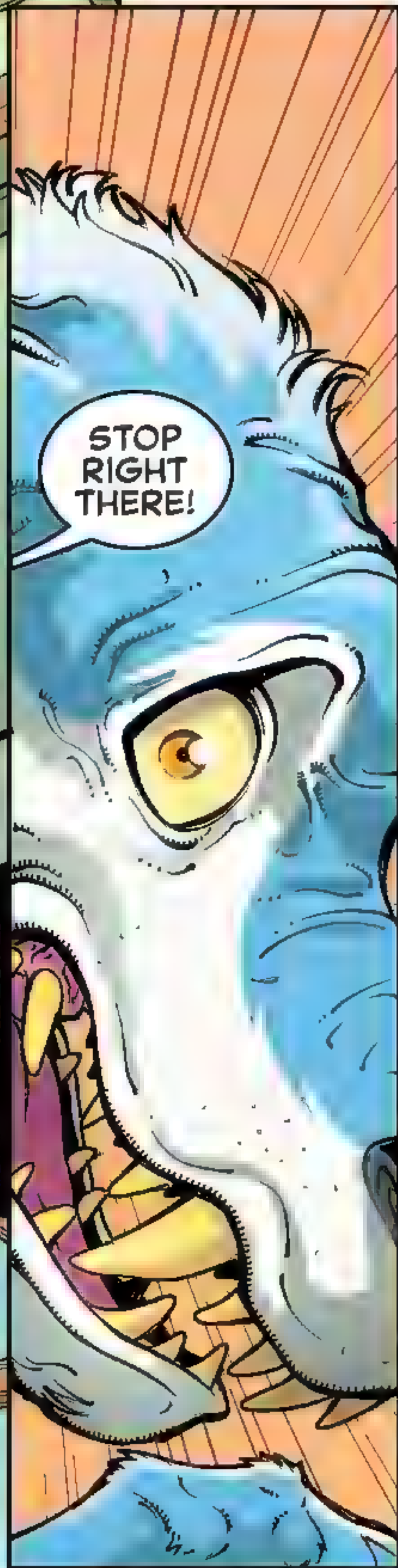
DON'T
GIVE ME
THAT LOOK,
CORKY.



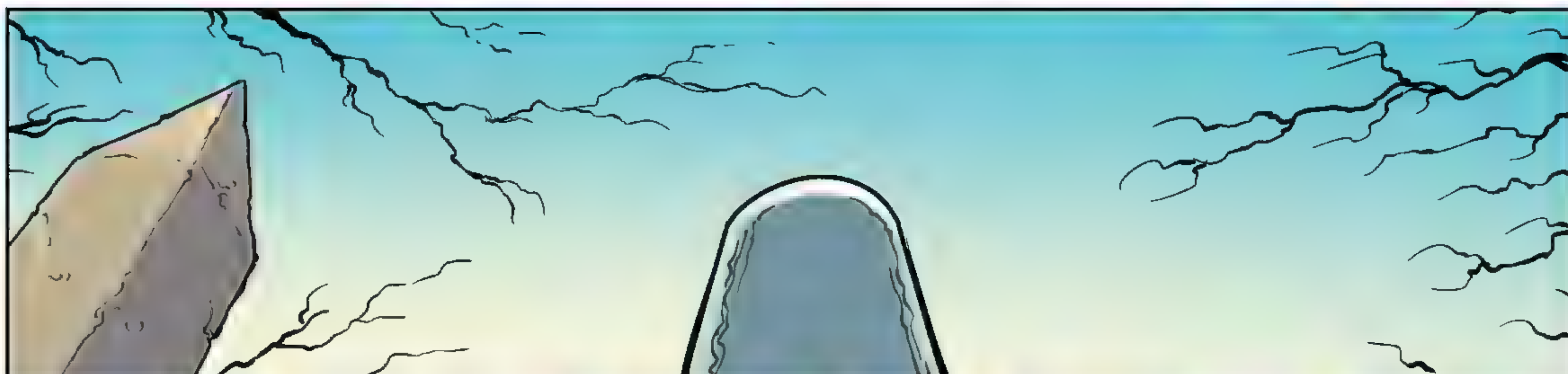
CORKY, YOU
CONDESCENDING
BASTARD.

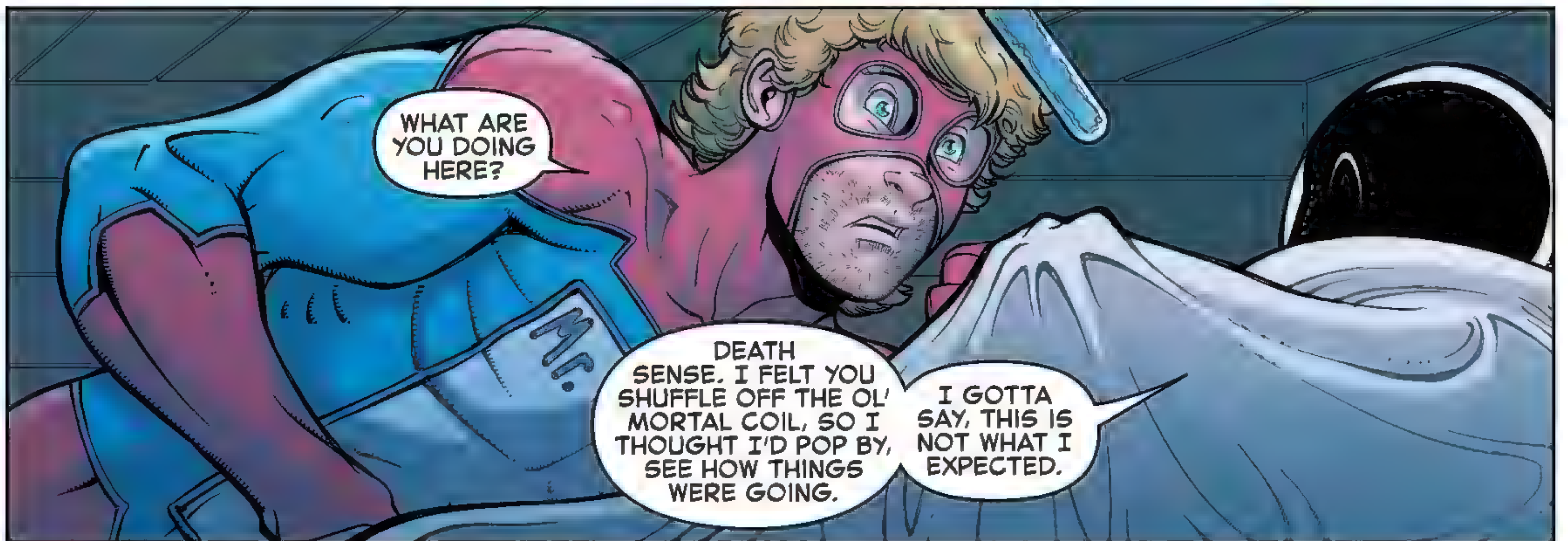
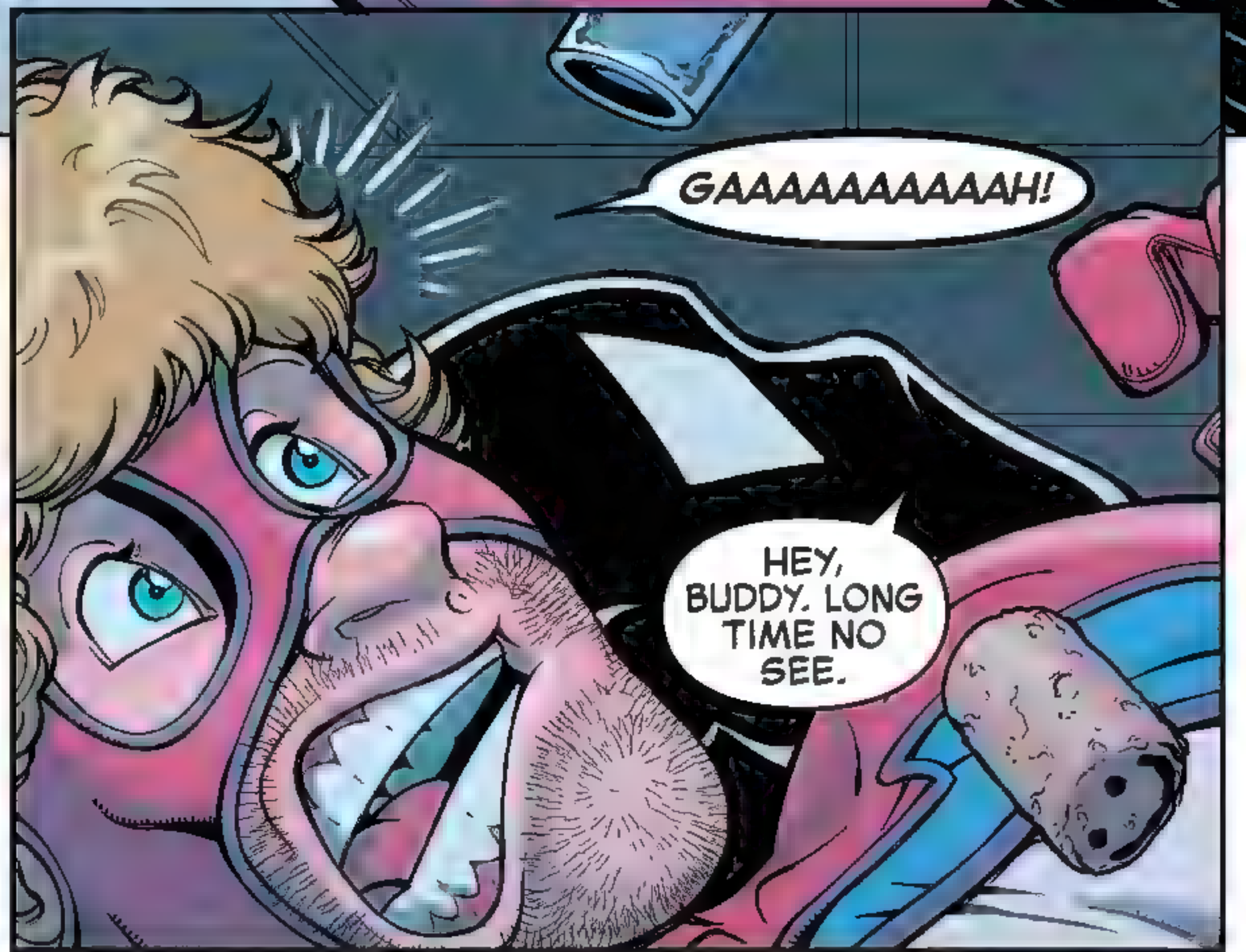


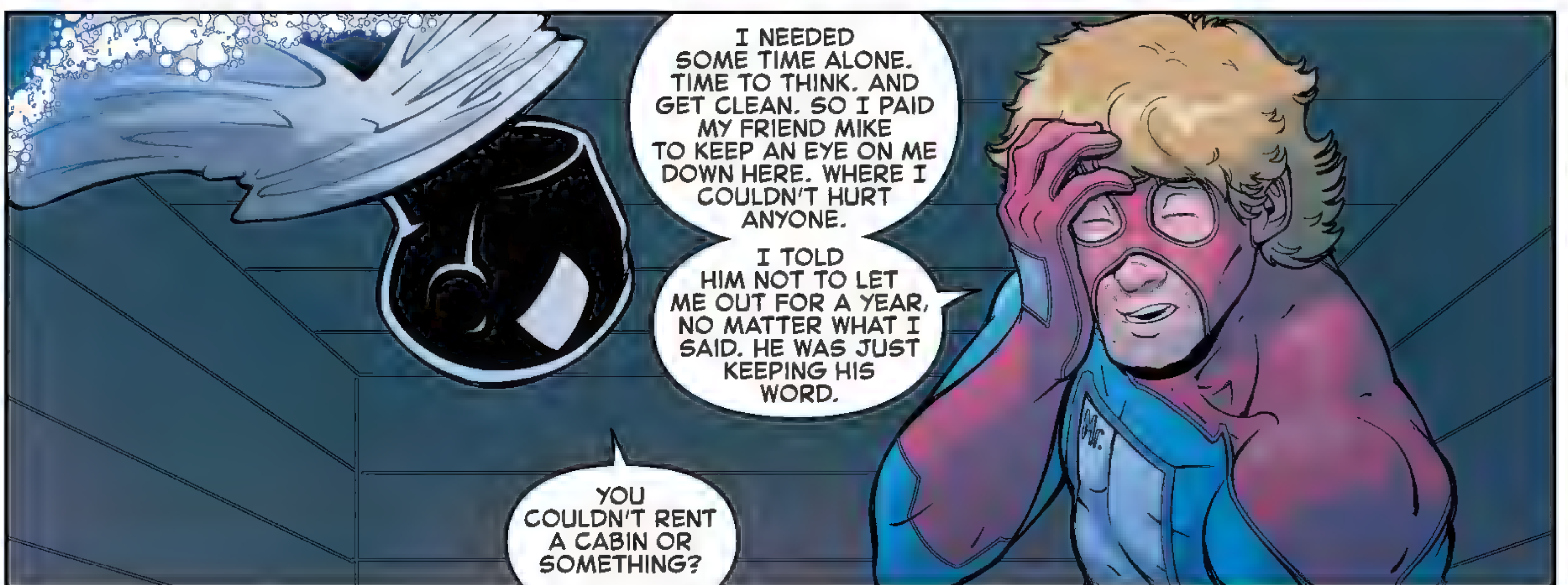












IT'S A LONG STORY. BUT AFTER WHAT HAPPENED, I COULDN'T FACE ANOTHER--

HEY! WHAT THE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~?

ANNNNNND WE'RE OUT.

DUDE, I'M SORRY, BUT I COULDN'T TAKE ANOTHER SECOND IN THERE. DO YOU KNOW HOW BAD IT SMELLED? PROBABLY NOT. YOU PROBABLY ACCLIMATED TO IT MONTHS AGO. BUT GOOD, GOD.

IT SMELLED LIKE SOMEBODY WAS FERMENTING CABBAGE IN AN EIGHTH GRADE GYM LOCKER.

I--I--NEVER MIND.

NOW WHAT?

C'MON.

EVERYBODY'S WAITING.

WHERE?

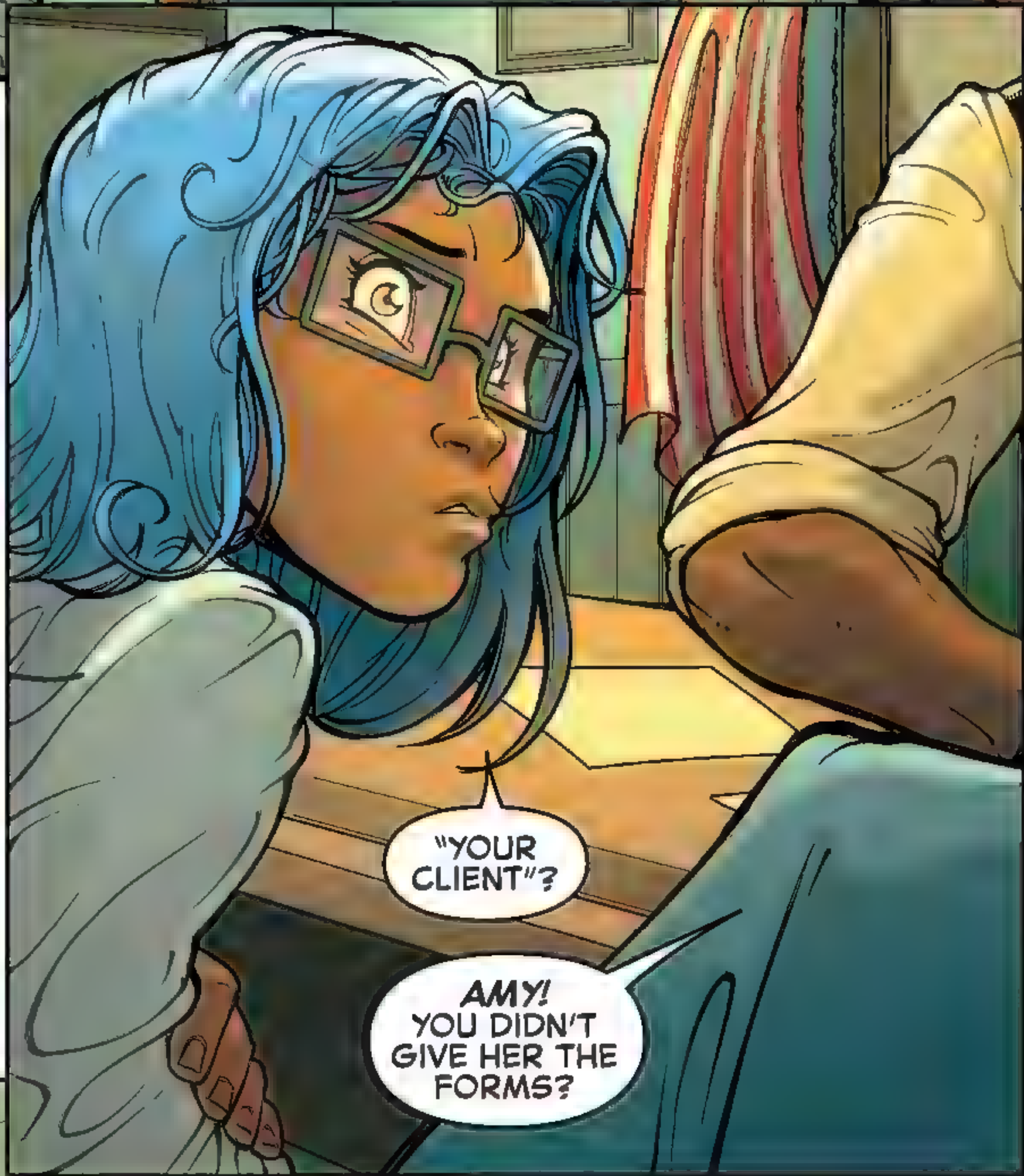
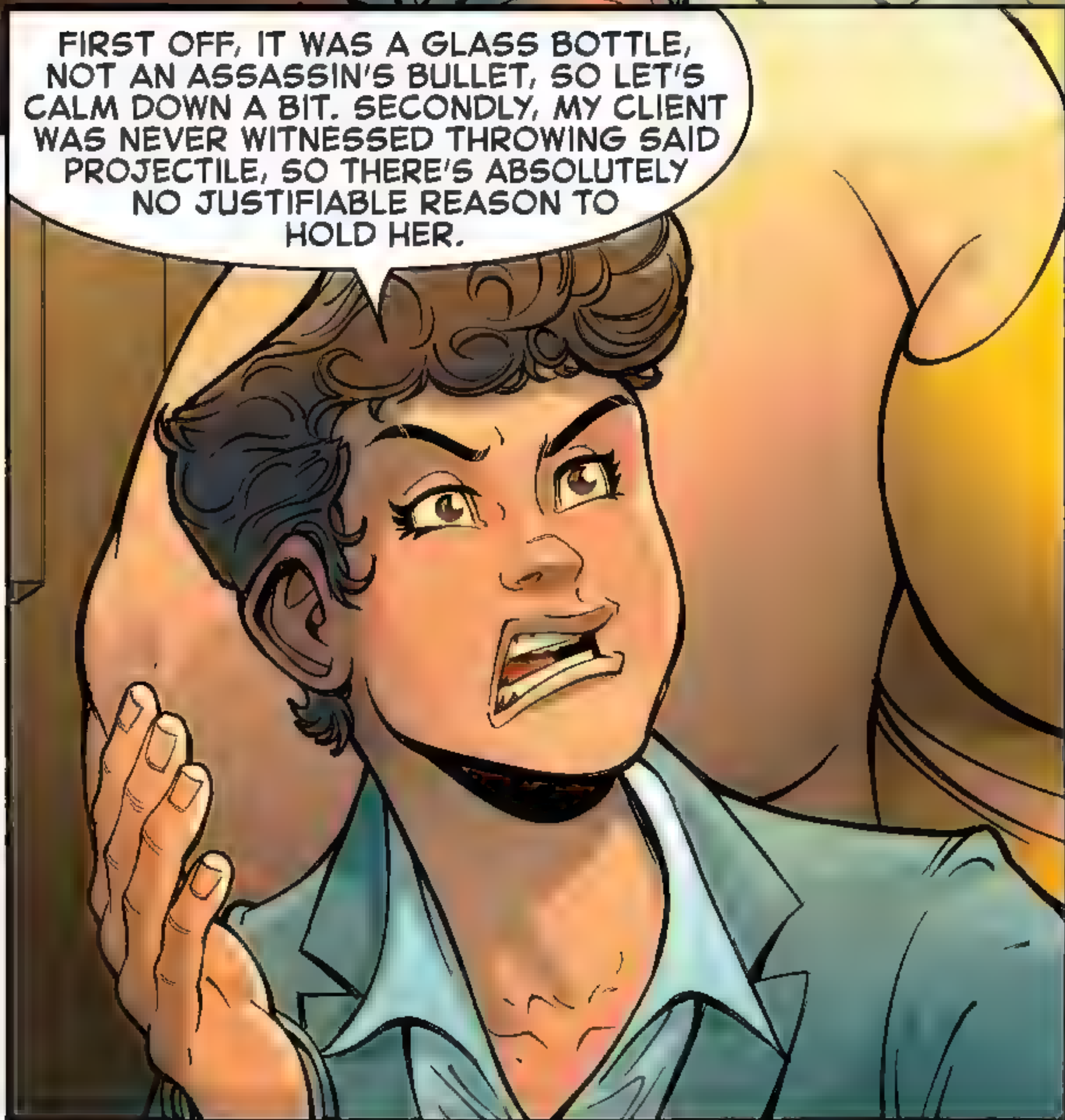
TOTALLY NOT IN JAIL.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "YOU'RE NOT HOLDING HER"? THIS WOMAN TRIED TO ASSASSINATE ME!

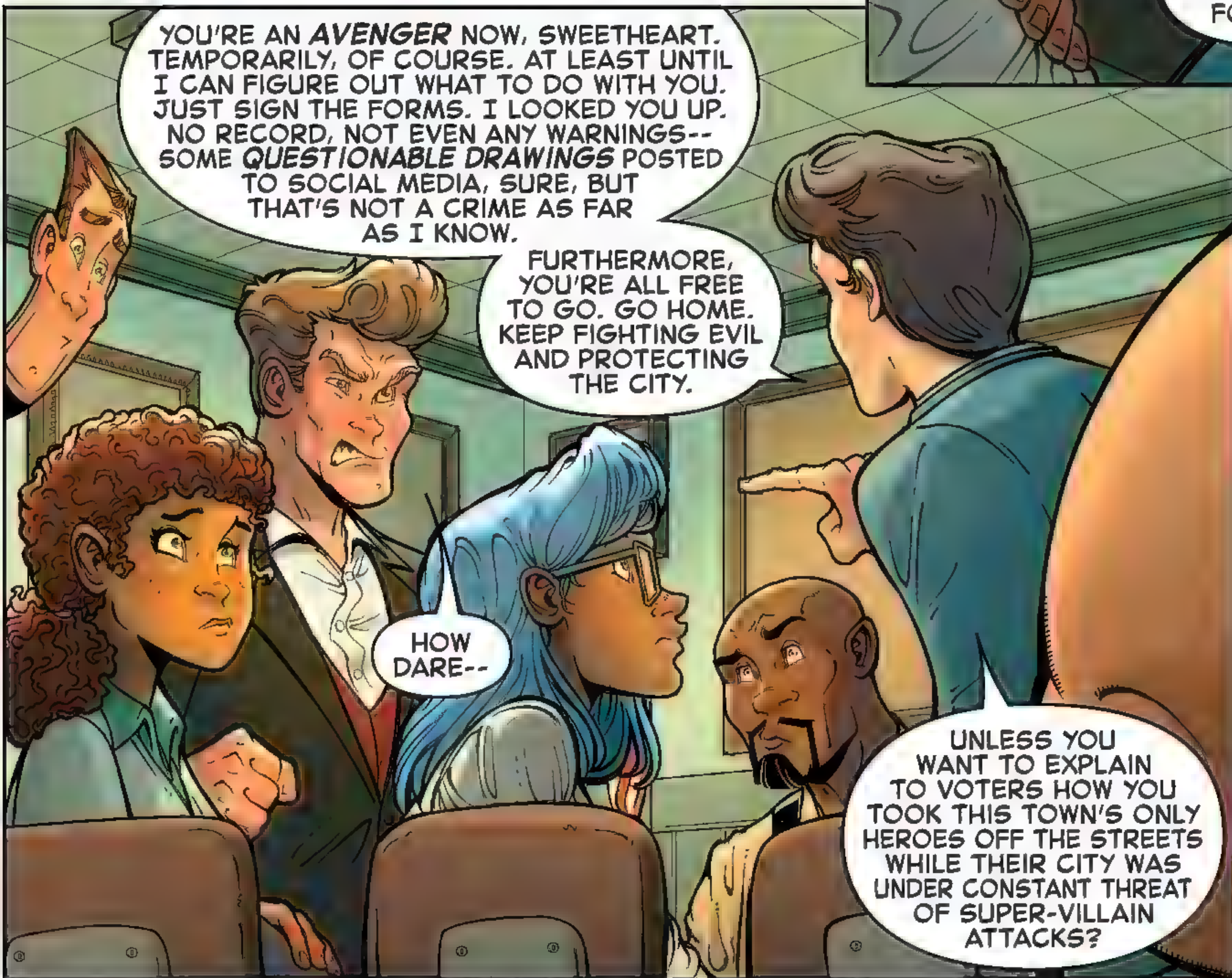
COUNCILMAN! YOU CAN CALM DOWN RIGHT NOW OR YOU CAN BE ESCORTED OUT OF THIS BUILDING!

FIRST OFF, IT WAS A GLASS BOTTLE, NOT AN ASSASSIN'S BULLET, SO LET'S CALM DOWN A BIT. SECONDLY, MY CLIENT WAS NEVER WITNESSED THROWING SAID PROJECTILE, SO THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON TO HOLD HER.



"YOUR CLIENT"?

AMY! YOU DIDN'T GIVE HER THE FORMS?



YOU'RE AN AVENGER NOW, SWEETHEART. TEMPORARILY, OF COURSE. AT LEAST UNTIL I CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH YOU. JUST SIGN THE FORMS. I LOOKED YOU UP. NO RECORD, NOT EVEN ANY WARNINGS-- SOME QUESTIONABLE DRAWINGS POSTED TO SOCIAL MEDIA, SURE, BUT THAT'S NOT A CRIME AS FAR AS I KNOW.

FURTHERMORE, YOU'RE ALL FREE TO GO. GO HOME. KEEP FIGHTING EVIL AND PROTECTING THE CITY.

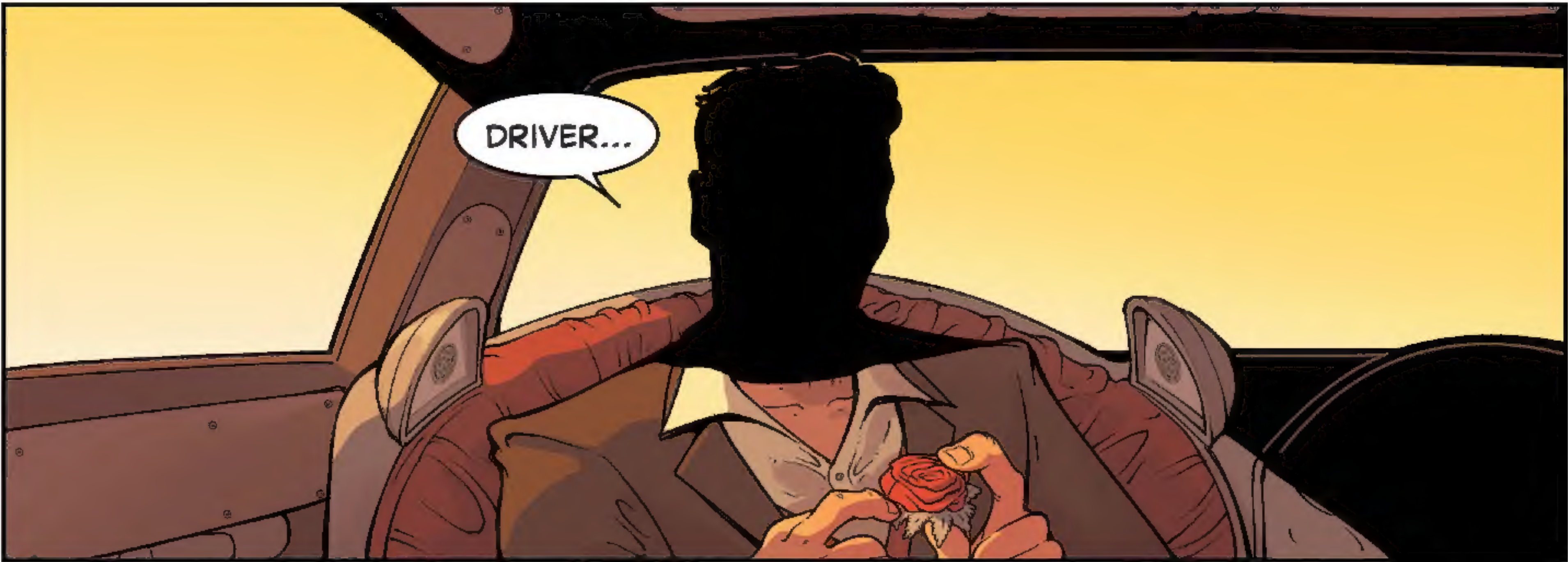
HOW DARE--

UNLESS YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN TO VOTERS HOW YOU TOOK THIS TOWN'S ONLY HEROES OFF THE STREETS WHILE THEIR CITY WAS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT OF SUPER-VILLAIN ATTACKS?



DIDN'T THINK SO.





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We said the Great Lakes Avengers will take just about anybody, and we meant it! But can our enthusiastically mundane candidates make it past the gauntlet that is writer and GLA hiring director Zac Gorman? Let's find out!

I would like to apply for the Great Lakes Avengers. My name is Awesome Shucks Man. I can talk almost anyone into anything with my ability to distract them with my country folksy ways. I would call in and order a pizza and say I have a coupon. When I get there, I talk them up and use my powers. I get the discount but never give them the coupon. I would be great for the GLA in getting us food and stuff. Might be able to distract a bad guy and such. Please consider me.

Thank u,
John "Awwww Shucks Man" Brooks

Dear Awesome Shucks Man,

Your powers are great, there's no doubt about that, but considering your example, are you sure that you aren't better suited to a life of villainy? Coupons, my friend, are the backbone of capitalist commerce! The fair exchange of a little slip of paper for an order of free cheesy bread is the stuff that America was built on! By circumventing this hallowed tradition, I'm afraid that you've outed yourself. Still, we are always looking for new villains, so we'll keep you in mind.

Dear GLA,

As a Wisconsinite, I was very sad to see the GLA move to Detroit in the first issue. I guess that leaves an opening for a super hero in the Badger State, and who better to step up than the Cheesemonger! Cheddar, pepper jack, muenster, you name a cheese and I'll eat it. The eating of cheese is not my super-power per se, but rather what happens during the digestion process—that's where the real magic happens.

Anyway, just wanted to say thanks for giving one of my favorite teams some long overdue love. That said, please, please make my dream come true and somehow, some place, have Big Bertha and the Blob meet. I want them to fall in love, but I'd settle for a "Battle of the Bellies"!

Chad "the Cheesemonger" Holloway

Dear Cheesemonger,

Cheese digestion is indeed magical! Did you know that according to even most conservative estimates, well over half the world's population loses their lactase enzymes after weaning? Lactose intolerance is a cruel mistress! You are an anomaly, my friend! But with great power comes great responsibility. Please remember to always cheese responsibly and stay away from the canned stuff. It's basically just yellow caulk.

I wanna join the Great Lakes Avengers...I wanna be called...there are options: Mr. Ows Sallie Mae, with the powers to ignore Sallie Mae phone calls or mail, etc.

Nominal Muslim Guy...I drink beer. I'm Muslim, but did I mention I drink beer?

Fatherhood Education Facilitator Guy. I teach dads the importance of being dads...if villains got it...they'd be better people.

I want in, where's my suit?

The Mega Horbz
WEST TEXAS GOMAB HQ
El Paso, TX

Dear Mega Horbz,

I find it interesting that a person named "The Mega Horbz" decided not to work that into their super hero persona, but perhaps your real super-power is your ability to think outside the box. In that spirit, I say why not combine all three of your suggestions? Maybe you're a Muslim gentleman who drinks beer during the day and a Fatherhood Education Facilitator by night! Why? Because you have bills to pay!

Hello, my name is Brian Knight, and I am a huge fan of the GREAT LAKES AVENGERS! I am super excited that there is a new series! I am also excited that I have a chance to be an honorary member of the Great Lakes Avengers! EYE have a very special super-power. Just like a mood ring, my eyes change color depending on my mood! It ranges anywhere from blue to greenish and even to gray! I hope this special ability will earn me a spot on the GLA! Thanks!

Brian Knight

Dear Brian Knight,

It seems like you forgot to mention that with each color shift of your eyes, you become capable of blasting different elemental lasers from them. A freeze ray when your eyes are blue with sadness, a heat ray when your eyes are red from anger, a boredom ray when your eyes are gray with indifference! I'm sure that you just ran out of room in your letter to mention the whole laser eyes thing, but next time I might lead with that! Either way, welcome aboard!

Greetings, fellow heroes, it is I—the Perfect Parker!

It was a dark and stormy lunchtime when I rolled up to a local restaurant for lunch, and there was a spot less than five feet from the door. My friend and work colleague Dave said, "Did you ever notice that Brian always gets the best parking spot? It's, like, it's his super-power!"

My faithful chum was correct. Years earlier I had helped a blind elderly woman cross the street. When we arrived safely at our destination,

she asked me what was troubling me. I told her that I had parked several blocks away and was worried I might get a ticket. She placed her hand on my arm and looked deep into my eyes. In that instant, it was like the clouds in her eyes parted, and electricity raced up my arm. "You shall never have trouble parking again," she said.

Since that day I have always found the perfect spot. I am always the designated driver, and I use my power to ferry friends around. I am the Perfect Parker!

Brian Garside

Dear Perfect Parker,

I have good news and I have bad news. The good news is that you have it all: a compelling origin story, a helpful super-power, even your own car! But now the bad news. I spoke with Peter Parker about the name and he said, "No freakin' way. I'm the perfect Parker." I tried my best to explain it to him, but he just wasn't having it. I took this thing all the way up to the top brass at Marvel but it turns out that when you're the most iconic character in your company set to star in their newest line of cinematic blockbusters, you get your way.

After reading your first issue, I believe that the skill set of my alter ego, Baron Von Papergreat, could benefit the Great Lakes Avengers. He is, to my knowledge, the only ephemera-centric super hero.

Papergreat's powers include the ability to decipher any handwriting, no matter how loopy or chicken-scratchy, on old postcards; the ability to find clues, currency and gum wrappers tucked away inside old books; and the ability to save worthless piles of old papers from certain destruction and hoard them for future evaluation.

I believe this kind of paper-focused perspective could help an Avengers-level group. Or, if you prefer, he's also willing to just answer the phone, sort the mail and do light dusting.

Chris Otto
York, Pennsylvania

Dear Baron Von Papergreat,

You had me hooked with your powers but you reeled me in with "light dusting." You're hired!

Zac

The Great Lakes Avengers still needs more applicants—they're all sure to get killed by Doctor Tannenbaum sooner or later. Send your qualifications to be on the team to MHEROES@MARVEL.COM marked "OKAY TO PRINT." Literally, we'll even take someone who's just really good at cuticle management at this point. Have we mentioned we're desperate?

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